

**REMARKS/ARGUMENTS**

Consideration of this application is respectfully requested.

This preliminary amendment is being filed to conform the case to the requirements of the United States Patent & Trademark Office, and to place the claims in the case in better condition for allowance.

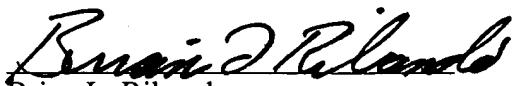
For the foregoing reasons it is believed that this Amendment places the claims now appearing in this case in condition for allowance, and an early notice to such effect is respectfully solicited.

In the event that the Examiner does not agree that the claims are now in condition for allowance, he is courteously invited to contact the undersigned at the number given below in order to discuss any changes which the Examiner believes would lead to an allowance of the claims.

It is not believed that any new fees are necessitated by the entry of this amendment. However in the event that any new fees or charges are required, authorization is hereby given to charge such fees to applicant's Deposit Account No 50-0852. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,

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